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1. [] MET WITH [] (SUBJ) 17 JULY IN

FRANKFURT. SUBJ PROVIDED FOLLOWING RESUME SUBSTANCE THREE
MEETINGS WITH [] (G) DURING PERIOD SINCE PREVIOUS
DEBRIEFING EARLY JUNE:

A. ON 13 JUNE, G SAID PLANNED GO TRIPOLI AND BEIRUT
APPROX 19 JUNE FOR TALKS WITH LIBYAN BANKERS AND WITH
GEORGE H A B B A S H. SAID EXPECTED OBTAIN MONEY FROM
LIBYA IN ORDER PROVIDE CAPITALIZATION FOR HIS PROPOSED
HOLDING COMPANY V A L C O M A, S.A. (SEE REF B), WHICH
SUBJ HAS AGREED TO ASSIST IN GETTING INCORPORATED AND
REGISTERED. G NOTED HAD PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED FUNDS FOR
THIS PURPOSE IN LIBYA BUT MONEY HAD BEEN USED "FOR OTHER
PURPOSES." DID NOT ELABORATE.

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B. SUBJ AND G NEXT MET ON 30 JUNE, FOLLOWING G'S RETURN FROM TRIP:

(1) G ADVISED THAT WHILE IN BEIRUT, HAD DISCUSSED SUBJ AT SOME LENGTH WITH HABBASH AND LATTER'S LIEUTENANTS. G HAD DESCRIBED SUBJ AS SYMPATHIZER WHOSE AIRLINE EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICAL KNOW-HOW HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL TO G'S OPERATIONAL PLANNING. G ALSO APPARENTLY TOLD HABBASH SUBJ HAD RECOMMENDED "NEW APPROACH", POINTING OUT THAT ATTACKS THAT RESULTED IN DEATHS INNOCENT BYSTANDERS OR AIRLINE PASSENGERS WERE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO ARAB CAUSE. (SUBJ NOTED THAT IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH G, SUBJ HAD SUGGESTED THAT INSTEAD ATTACKING AIRCRAFT AND PASSENGERS, G MIGHT CONSIDER PHYSICAL TARGETS, SUCH AS AN AIRLINE'S COMPUTERS, WHERE PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE INJURED OR KILLED). UPSHOT G'S CONVERSATION WITH HABBASH THAT SUBJ WOULD BE INVITED COME BEIRUT FOR TALKS WITH HABBASH AND PFLP STAFF. G SAID HE WOULD MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS, AND WOULD, OF COURSE, PAY SUBJ EXPENSES. SUBJ INDICATED COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL DURING PERIOD 8-25

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AUGUST; G SAID WOULD SO ADVISE HABBASH AND, WHEN
ARRANGEMENTS FIRM, WOULD PROVIDE SUBJ FURTHER
DETAILS RE EXACT DATES, MEETING PLAN, ETC.

(2) DESPITE SUBJ QUERIES, G UNWILLING OR UNABLE
SPECIFY WHAT HABBASH WISHES DISCUSS WITH SUBJ.

SUBJ SURMISES HAS TO DO WITH PALESTINIAN NEED RECRUIT
EUROPEAN SUPPORT ASSETS AND TO PICK HIS BRAINS RE HOW
EUROPEAN AIRLINES FUNCTION AND ARE ORGANIZED. G
INDICATED ATTACK ON EL-AL (IN RETALIATION LAST
YEAR'S DOWNING OF LIBYAN PLANE BY ISRAELIS) WAS
UPPERMOST IN MINDS OF HABBASH GROUP DURING HIS JUNE
VISIT ALTHOUGH OTHER TARGETS (KISSINGER, SEABOARD
WESTERN AIRLINES, LUFTHANSA), NOT FORGOTTEN.

(3) G ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WHILE HE IN BEIRUT, THERE
HAD BEEN SOME PLO INTERNICINE WARFARE INVOLVING
WHAT HE DESCRIBED A MAOIST-ORIENTED FDPLP (FRONT
DEMOCRATIQUE POPULAIRE DE LIBERATION DE LA PALESTINE)
LED BY NAYEF H A W A T M E H AND SOVIET-SUPPORTED
FPLP-CG (FRONT POPULAIRE DE LIBERATION DE LA PALESTINE-
COMMANDEMENT GENERAL) LED BY AHMAD J I B R I L.

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G SAID HABBASH ORGANIZATION REMAINED ALOOF FROM
THIS CONFLICT AND WOULD BE UNHAPPY IF OTHER FACTIONS
"NEUTRALIZED" EACH OTHER.

1. SUBJ AND G HELD RELATIVELY SHORT MEETING 13 JULY,
DURING WHICH G ADVISED HAD NOT BEEN ABLE COMPLETE LIBYAN
BUSINESS ON TRIP THERE IN JUNE, SO PLANNED TO TRIPOLI
AGAIN FOR FEW DAYS ON 16 OR 17 JULY. SAID SHOULD HAVE
EVERYTHING READY FOR SUBJ'S BEIRUT TRIP BY END OF MONTH
AND THAT HE (G) MIGHT ALSO BE IN BEIRUT AT SAME TIME. G
SAID IN ADDITION GETTING LIBYAN FUNDS FOR CAPITALIZING
VALCOMA, HE ALSO INTERESTED IN FUNDING ONE OF SUBJ'S OWN
COMMERCIAL VENTURES OF PROVIDING BUSINESS SERVICES (OFFICE
EQUIPMENT, SECRETARIAL HELP, ETC.) TO COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS
AT CERTAIN HOTELS (SUBJ CURRENTLY EXPLORING THIS WITH
HOLIDAY INNS, S.A. OF SWITZERLAND). G ASKED SUBJ TO BE
SURE TO DISCUSS THIS IDEA WITH HABBASH SINCE COULD BE
USEFUL OPERATIONALLY IN MONITORING, SURVEILLING ACTIVITIES
OF PRO-ISRAELI "SPIES", POSING AS BUSINESSMEN.

2. SUBJ HAS CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH SPANISH GOVT-OWNED
AIRLINE AVIACO FOR WHICH HE WILL MAKE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

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IN SEYCHELLES DURING PERIOD 20-30 JULY. SUBJ AGREED CONTACT BURBECK AFTER RETURN FROM SEYCHELLES AND AFTER HE HAS MET AGAIN WITH G TO LEARN ADDITIONAL DETAILS HIS PROJECTED BEIRUT TRIP.

3. BELIEVE THIS APPROPRIATE TIME SOLICIT HQS VIEWS ON VALUE THIS OPERATION. IN LIGHT INFO REPORTED REFS AND ABOVE. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE RE DESIRED OPS RELATIONSHIP HQS WISHES SEE DEVELOPED. OUR ASSESSMENT, AS NOTED PARA 5 REF A, REINFORCED BY 17 JULY DEBRIEFING DURING WHICH SUBJ APPEARED TO BE REPORTING FULLY AND OBJECTIVELY. IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE HANDLING SUBJ, SUGGEST BOTH HE AND [] BE ENCRYPTED AND THAT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR HIS BEIRUT VISIT BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 31 JULY.

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